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1. A twisted pair status indicator, wherein the twisted pair status indicator is attached to an access terminal comprising a plurality of twisted pairs, comprising:

a first indicator means for indicating that at least one of the plurality of twisted pairs is available;

a second indicator means for indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available; and

a sliding mechanism for sliding from a first side of the indicator to reveal the first indicator means and for sliding to a second side of the indicator to reveal the second indicator means.

2. The status indicator of claim 1 further comprising a locking mechanism attached to the sliding mechanism to prevent the sliding mechanism from moving unless the locking mechanism is unlocked.

3. The status indicator of claim 1 wherein the first indicator means is a first set of text indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second set of text indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

4. The status indicator of claim 1 wherein the first indicator means is a first color indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second color indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

5. The status indicator of claim 1 wherein the first indicator means is a first numeral indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second numeral indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

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6. An telecommunications access terminal, wherein the access terminal connects a plurality of twisted pairs with a telecommunications network, comprising:

a metal enclosure enclosing a plurality of binding posts;

a plurality of binding posts connected to the plurality of twisted pairs;

and

a twisted pair status indicator.

7. The access terminal of claim 6 wherein the twisted pair status indicator is attached to the access terminal, and wherein the indicator comprises a first indicator means for indicating that at least one of the plurality of twisted pairs is available, a second indicator means for indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available, a sliding mechanism for sliding from a first side of the indicator to reveal the first indicator means and for sliding to a second side of the indicator to reveal the second indicator means; and a locking mechanism attached to the sliding mechanism to prevent the sliding mechanism from moving unless the locking mechanism is unlocked.

8. The access terminal of claim 7 wherein the first indicator means is a first set of text indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second set of text indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

9. The access terminal of claim 7 wherein the first indicator means is a first color indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second color indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

10. The access terminal of claim 7 wherein the first indicator means is a first numeral indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second indicator means is a second numeral indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

11. The access terminal of claim 6 wherein the twisted pair status indicator is attached to the access terminal and comprises a flag wherein if the flag may be placed in an up position and a down position indicating whether or not there are available twisted pairs in the access terminal.

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12. A telecommunications line status indicator, wherein the indicator is attached to an access terminal comprising a plurality of telecommunications lines, comprising:

a first visual indicator indicating that at least one of the plurality of twisted pairs is available;

a second visual indicator indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available; and

a sliding door, wherein the sliding door may be moved to a first position to reveal the first visual indicator and moved to a second position to reveal the second visual indicator.

13. The status indicator of claim 12 further comprising a locking mechanism attached to the sliding door to prevent the sliding door from moving between positions unless the locking mechanism is unlocked.

14. The status indicator of claim 12 wherein the first visual indicator is a first set of text indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second visual indicator is a second set of text indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

15. The status indicator of claim 12 wherein the first visual indicator is a first color indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second visual indicator is a second color indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

16. The status indicator of claim 12 wherein the first visual indicator is a first numeral indicating that at least one of the twisted pairs is available and wherein the second visual indicator is a second numeral indicating that none of the plurality of twisted pairs is available.

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